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AN
APPEAL
TO THE
PUBLIC:

OR, A
REVIEW

Of the CONDUCT of
Dr. Ad---gt-n towards Dr. Pigott. (7)

*Amicitia sunt Remissione Usus elevanda & diffuenda magis,
quam discindenda sunt; nisi quædam admodum intolerabilis
Injuria exarserit, ut neque Rectum, neque Honestum fit, neque
fieri potest, ut non statim Alienatio, Disjunctioque facienda sit.*

Cicero de Amicitia.

What Man so wise, what earthly Wit so ware,
As to descry the crafty cunning Train,
By which Deceit doth lurk in Vizor fair,
And cast her Colours died deep in Grain
To seem like Truth, whose Shape she well can feign,
And fitting Gestures to her Purpose frame,
The guiltless Man with Guile to entertain?

Spencer's Fairy Queen.

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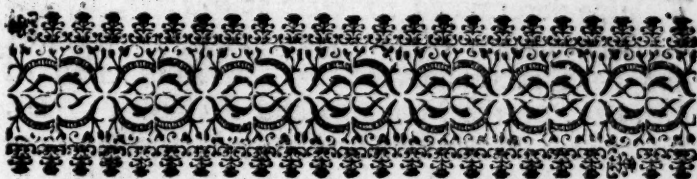
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Dr. A.



To Dr. Ad-ng--n:

SIR,



FTER having, under the Pretence of Friendship, injur'd and supplant-ed me in the most disingenuous Manner, you have thought proper to refuse as equitable Proposals of Arbitration as ever were made; I am therefore constrain'd to appeal to the Public.

My Motives are chiefly to do myself, and *you* Justice, and to warn, from my own Experience, others of my Brethren, to whom you are not known, against the *delusive Power* (I need not, sure, against the *Imitation*) of your more than
* *Female Arts*.

I chuse for the Future to have as little to say to you as possible, and shall therefore in the following Sheets, not address myself to you, but the Public.

your's, much injured,

FRANCIS PIGOTT.

* This alludes to a Story well known at *Oxford*, which is at the Dr's. Service whenever he pleases to call for it.

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I Was determined to settle at *Reading*, by the Approbation of Dr. MERRICK, to whom I had been recommended by Dr. MERRICK of *Ilneworth*, on the Marriage and Removal of Dr. ZINZAN: When I first paid my Respects to the Dr. he very kindly advised me to wait on Dr. AD-NG--N, lest he should take Umbrage; as I never acquainted him with my Design, I had no Reason to expect from him any thing further than a genteel Reception; I met with that, and I met with much more, I was pleased to find a Friend where I least expected one, and with great Sincerity accepted his Offers of a Friendship which should never have been dissolved by my Fault.

I intended to have left the Town immediately after having seen him, but by his Persuasion, I first went round to all the Gentlemen of the Faculty in this Place: On my Return in a few Days, I was much surpriz'd to find that Dr. RUSSEL had followed my Example the very next Day; I was not able to account for this 'till I had been here some Time, when on further Acquaintance with the Town, I came to understand that Dr. AD-NG--N, (whether deservedly or not far be it from me to determine) had thoroughly * obliged many People, who were resolved on an Opposition to him. The Dr. in my short Absence, had, I imagine, taken Occasion to speak respectfully of me, from whence it was concluded I was invited by him, and consequently was unfit for the Purposes of those he had offended, and Dr. RUSSEL's Book pointed him out to be the proper Person, they therefore, I suppose, invited him.

* Somewhat relative to the General Election might be here introduced, but I wait for the Dr's. Permission.

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Though, as I said, Dr. RUSSEL went round the very next Day, he did not however remove hither 'till about three Months afterwards, standing aloof, perhaps to observe what Methods I pursued. In this Interval it had often been represented to me that an Opposition to Dr. AD-NG--N was what would effectually serve me, to this I always replied, that I never wish'd to succeed in Practice by acting on dishonourable Principles, and I tho't it nothing less to oppose one who hitherto merited my good, not my ill Offices. When it was found I would by no means hearken to an Opposition, I was caution'd at least to avoid entering into any close Connection with one, who I was given to understand had never made any Friendship he had engaged in, subservient to other than his own Interest. This Hint, given me by those of most unquestioned Worth and Honour, and who could have no Interest in deceiving me, could not but have it's due weight, and some particulars which by this Time had reach'd my Ears determin'd me to be a little on my Guard, and I told my Friends I would be so, but added that nothing less than absolute Conviction could ever bring me to think him capable of treating ill one who had deserv'd so well at his Hands; I was therefore resolved not to alter my Conduct towards him until I had sufficient Reason to justify the Change. In Consequence of this Resolution, when I had been here about half a Year, I gave him to understand that as I found what little Business escaped Dr. MERRICK and himself was likely to be divided between Dr. RUSSEL and me, I did not think it worth my while to continue here, and therefore had Intentions of betaking myself to College at *Christmas* and accepting my Offices (which I expected

pected would come to me) in hopes that I might at an other Opportunity come back again to Advantage, or settle myself at some other Place, where Opposition, which I neither lik'd nor was form'd for, was not to be expected; if therefore he thought it his Interest (as possibly he might) to invite another to replace me, I gave him, as a Friend, timely Notice. His Answer was that he would not take upon him too much to press me to continue, lest it should not turn out to my Advantage, but that he verily believed it would in the End answer my Expectations, that he was * *Gallinæ Filius Albæ*, and I was not to expect such rapid Success as he had met with, but that Merit must succeed at last; he begg'd me therefore to re-consider it, and in particular to mention my Intentions, before I proceeded to put them into Execution, to Dr. FREWEN: I did so, and he likewise advised me to continue.

Some Time after this, but before my Removal was to take Place, the Dr. took an Opportunity of acquainting me as a Secret, that he had been applied to by several Persons of considerable Influence in regard to the Foundation of an Hospital in this Place, which Design he said was in great Forwardness, and he had engaged to give his Attendance, provided I was to be join'd to him as *Coadjutor*, therefore he was desirous of knowing whether it was agreeable to me: I made Answer it was what of all Things I should wish to be concerned in, and hop'd we should not suffer the Scheme to fall to the Ground by insisting on Sa-

* The Chick of a white Hen, or in other Words, the Favourite of Fortune; the Romans esteeming all White to be Birds of good Omen, and e contra.

laries; he assured me it should not, but that there would be no Harm if Salaries were to be easily obtained. I then ask'd when he imagined the Scheme would take Place, he answered, not before *Chriftnas*, and not much after, by *Lady-day* at farthest. Here was I brought to a Dilemma, I had indeed some Suspensions that this might be only a Bait thrown out to keep me here for his Purposes, for it was by this Time evident to every one that whatever Money I got was taken from his Adversary's Scale, and had I gone, another probably would have supplied my Place who might not prove so tractable: On the one Hand therefore if I staid I lost my Offices, on the other the Story was at least plausible, and might probably prove true, and if I left *Reading*, and the Scheme should happen to take Place, I should have Reason to be much dissatisfy'd with myself, I therefore resolved to wait the Issue. — *Lady-day* and after it the Summer pass'd away but no News of the Hospital. — When I had play'd with this Bait (for I never swallow'd it) 'till I grew tired of it, another was thrown out, and afterwards a third, and at last that which I must own I greedily swallowed. — Distant Hints were given me that he probably should not long continue here; some Time after, I was let a little further into the Secret (for a grand Secret it was to be) Dr. FREWEN, Mr. HYLEY, and others, had been urgent with him to quit a Scene of Business which was too much for his Constitution, and remove to *Bath* or *London*; he was inclin'd himself to follow their Advice, but his Wife answer'd him with Tears whenever he talk'd to her on the Subject, however he was in hopes she might in Time be bro't over to his Purpose, and in that Case should I be willing to take his Houses?

Houses? As I had then no immediate Thoughts of marrying, I answer'd I could not determine as to that Point, but that it might be Time enough to consider of it when he was come to a final Resolution.

The Day after his Son's Death, on our Journey to the Patient mention'd hereafter, he gave me some more hints on the same Subject: He was lamenting my being from Home when first sent to, had I come sooner he was perswaded I should have seen Occasion to bleed the Child, and he was of Opinion his Life might have been saved thereby; but, continued he, it is the *Righteous Judgment of God* for having so entirely engaged in Business to the Neglect of his Service; he could not, and he would not continue to be such a Slave; he was under great Obligations to me (for my late Kindness more especially) and he hoped he soon should have an Opportunity of making me ample Amends.— Accordingly, a few Months after, he came to me to impart a Secret which I must not for the World reveal: I told him I was not fond of Secrets, all the Good I had ever observed to result from them was the Separation of Friends, one Party, unjustly perhaps, suspecting the other had discovered what was committed to him; if therefore it did not concern me I had rather not know it: He said it did, and nearly too; in short, he had at last brought over his Wife, and he was determin'd to remove to *London*; would I take his two Houses, one for my own Dwelling-House, and the other for a Mad-House? The Terms were then ask'd: He said I might perhaps think them large, but that he would not take less than 100*l.* a Year: I answer'd with a Smile, I fear'd it would be counted a Mad Scheme indeed

indeed in me to venture so much on one Bottom, but however I would not refuse his Proposal absolutely, and therefore desired a few Days to consider of it: He knew I was in Treaty of Marriage, might I mention it to the young Lady and her Mother, and I named a third Person: After some Consideration, he told me I might, but to no other Person on Earth, till he gave me leave. This convinced me of what I wanted to know, his being in Earnest. When I mentioned it to the Ladies they received it, as I imagined they would, as a Romantic Scheme: I told them I look'd upon it in the same Light, but that in the Manner I should propose it I could not be hurt and might be much profited by it: They had no Exception I imagined to my taking a House of thirty, suppose for the sake of his good Will we should go as far as forty Pounds a Year for one of his Houses, and if I must embark in the Mad Scheme, it should be thus; I would set my Attendance against the Rent, and at the End of every Year, on Oath if required, would account to him, and we would divide the Expences and Advantages. This they agreed to, and I proposed it to him: He answer'd he was assured I should be a considerable Loser by this Bargain, and that he could by no Means think it just to profit by my Labour: I told him, as it was my own Proposal, there could be no Injustice in it, and that I should be very glad to agree with him on these Terms for our joint Lives, or for a Lease of 21 Years: He would by no means hearken to this, I therefore proposed to take either of the Houses at forty Pounds: He was determined not to let one without the other: I then said, "Dr. I must desire you to be plain with me,

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“ if I refuse, do you intend to offer them to any
 “ other Physician? if that is the Case, I fear I must
 “ comply, otherwise I hope I shall not offend by
 “ refusing your Offer.” He answerd, no, it possibly might happen that some one might be tempted to try their Fortune here on his Removal, but I might rest assured, for my Sake, he never would be instrumental in bringing any one in his Room; and if I would keep the Secret (which on Principles of Interest, as well as Honesty, he was perswaded I would) he, in Reward of such secrecy, would give me timely Notice when he intended to quit, and assist my Applications to our mutual Friends and others, to the utmost of his Power, and would neglect no other Opportunity of effectually serving me; and here ended the Conference.

The latter End of last Summer, when the House I now live in offer'd, I thought it a good Opportunity of sounding him again: With that Intent I went to him, resum'd the Discourse, nay proceeded so far as to offer forty Guineas for either of the Houses: He answer'd as before, but added, I should be convinced he had not propos'd what would not have been to my Advantage; when he gave me to understand that he had in his Pocket a Letter, giving him Notice, that he was soon to have a Patient put under his Care distracted for a considerable Time, and whom he in all likelihood should have during Life, at the Rate, if I mistake not, of 100*l.* a Year: I offer'd to close with him, if I might have that Patient: He said, no, he should take that Patient with him to *London*: I then observ'd to him, that as he had already been somewhat known in that Way, he might probably be induced in *London* to follow
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what was a very lucrative Branch of our Profession, and he might perhaps be tempted to take a House for that Purpose at *Chelsea* for Instance: He said he had no immediate Thoughts of so doing, but that he would not be engaged to the contrary: Here, I said, the Assistance I might reasonably have expected in that Case from him in this particular Way, would have been one very great Motive for my complying with his Terms, but if I could not assure myself of that, I thought it most prudent either to take one of his Houses only, or else the House offer'd: He said he would not take what I mentioned for either of them, and, indeed, his Wife was again a little off the Scheme, and it might not perhaps take Place this Year or two or more; that he did not think his staying a little longer could be any Disadvantage to me, and to speak his Mind freely, he had Reasons to advise me, as a Friend, to take the House offer'd; and this second Conference ended with an Injunction on his Part, and a Promise of Secrecy on mine, and a Repetition of whatever was promised in the former.

My Part of the Engagement I had inviolably kept, when, to my Astonishment I received the Letter from which the following is an Extract,

Extract from my Friend's Letter.

— Dr. B — NE is coming to settle at R. in the Room of Dr. A. who is going to London, and is to introduce him to all his present Acquaintance. This is so universally talk'd of in this Place, that I imagine there must be some Foundation for it: It was Yesterday the Conversation of the Senior Common Room, and this Day Mr. Curtis the Apothecary told me the same Thing.

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Another Circumstance is this, B. some Time ago, inquired of Jack Eyre about Mr Alleyne, and what Part of the Country he lived in. I thought by the Discourse I had a few Day ago with you at R. that you was unacquainted with this, and therefore chose not to let slip the first Post, as by this you will perceive what you are to expect from Dr. A. and may take your Measures accordingly.——

Oxford, June 23, 1754.

With this I waited on Dr. AD-NG--N, which brought on the ensuing Conference.

On being introduced to the Dr. after having enquired for Mrs. A. &c. as mention'd hereafter, I asked the Dr. whether he knew of Dr. B----'s intention of settling at Reading? He answerd yes. I again asked whether he had seen Dr. B---? He answer'd yes. I then ask'd how long he had known of Dr. B----'s Intention? His Answer was to the following Purpose.——“He came to me, “on Dr. FREWEN's Recommendation, about “six Weeks ago; nay I knew of his Intention “to settle here a Twelve-month ago, for about “that Time, I, in my Way to a Patient * at, or “near Winchester, stopt at Basingstoke, left my “own Carriage at the Inn, and took an hired one “forwards; in my absence, some one observed “to my Servant, that it was wonder'd I should “harrafs myself by undertaking such long Jour- “nies: The Servant made Answer; he had Reason to think *his Master would not hold it long.* “Being press'd to explain himself, he said he “believed his Master would soon remove to Lon-

* We cannot be positive which was the very Word.

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“ *don.* This became the News of *Basingstoke*, and
 “ it soon reach’d Mr. BIGG’S Ears, who took the
 “ first Opportunity of asking me whether I really
 “ had any Intentions of removing: I confess’d to
 “ him I had, and asked him why he enquired:
 “ He returned for Answer, his Nephew B----E
 “ would in that Case he believed, be inclined to
 “ settle at *Reading*, and he should be obliged to
 “ me for any Assistance I could give him.”----

I here asked the Dr. to consider whether (as he
 had by his own Confession so long been acquaint-
 ed with, and had entirely kept secret Dr. B---’s
 Intentions of coming hither) all the World would
 not conclude he was likewise accessary to them,
 and * consequently that he had, in a most scan-
 dalous Manner, broke the Promise he had given
 me (when he made known to me his Determination
 to quit *Reading*) that he would, on leaving this
 Place, serve me to the utmost of his Power. He
 offer’d not to deny having given this Promise,
 but endeavoured to account for his Behaviour in
 the following Manner.

In the first Place † he absolutely denied being
 any Ways accessary to Dr. B----’s coming. This,
 I told him, his Behaviour convinced me was false.
 Secondly, he asserted that though he had prom-
 ised, I had no Right to the Completion of that
 Promise, because I had used him ill. I desired to
 know in what Instance: His Answer was, || I had
 for some Time look’d shy upon him, and as I
 seem’d to disregard his Friendship, he thought I
 was not entitl’d to it; particularly, I had never
 thanked him for the Patients he had given me.
 This last Assertion I proved to be absolutely

* See Remark I. † See Remark II. || See Remark III.

false; the first I then thought too trifling to regard. Again, to instance my ill Usage by disregarding him, he said I had once cut him to the Heart by saying that his Acquaintance had been of Dis-service to me. I then reply'd, and after the strictest Scrutiny I still reply, that I can recollect but one Instance which could possibly give the most jealous Temper the least Occasion to charge me with a Word in any Ways tending to such an Insinuation, * and that was long before the Promise I challenged: I added, that when the Dr. mentioned ill Usage, I expected he would have grounded his Charge on an Affair of much later Date (which Affair I mentioned) in which I thought he had not acted the Part of a Friend; and was willing to own I had sometimes express'd myself with Warmth and Disrespect of him on that Account. He did not pretend to ground his Dissatisfaction on that, but only said, he † defied me to prove he in this Case acted otherwise than as a Friend ought to have acted.--- A third Argument Dr. AD-NG--N made use of was this, That though he did intend to make good his Promise, the proper Time for the Completion of it was not yet come; for granting (as he did grant) that he had, for a considerable Time, absolutely determined to leave this Place, yet, he had not as || yet taken a House in *London*, or let his own Houses here, 'till which Time he should not remove. To this I replied, that this Pretence was to the last Degree trifling, for that Promise was design'd for my Service, and how could he be suppos'd to intend the least Service to one, by communicating at some distant Time to him what he had,

* See Remark IV. † See Remark V. || See Remark VI.

by his own Confession, of a long Time revealed to * another.—The Dr. lastly said, that he had indeed for a considerable Time intended to acquaint me with Dr. B—'s Resolution, but that he wanted an Opportunity. Here I observed that it was absurd to suppose that any one's Business could so entirely engage him, as not, in ~~six~~ *Weeks* Time, to allow him to call on me for a Moment, or at least to write a Line on the Occasion, either of which would have been sufficient: “But,” I added, Dr. you must remember that much since that Time You yourself met and stopt me within a few Yards of my own House, was not that a proper Opportunity to give me a Hint, which you might have done in six Words? Besides, recollect yourself, you then told me you had somewhat to communicate to me; you now tell me this was the very Thing: You cannot deny I then asked you to step in to drink Tea, or a Glass of Wine; you excused yourself from doing either, urging Haste; what Haste could possibly have prevented you (had you meant me fair) from saying, BLACKSTONE *is coming to settle here.*”---The Dr. offer'd not to make any Defence here, but allow'd it might have been better had he given me a Hint, and he believed, was it to happen again, he should give me one.—I then, with the greatest Earnestness, pressed him to name a few of the many Persons who had applied to him with Regard to the Foundation of an Hospital in this Place: He refused to Name one, and my Wife is of Opinion with me that, if we may judge by Appearances, he had it not in his Power.

* See Remark VII.

Before we went to the Dr's House, I had caution'd my Wife to be as attentive as possible to what pass'd, that she might be able to give her Evidence, if call'd on, and by all Means to avoid interfering in our Discourse: These my Instructions she punctually observ'd, though the Dr. several Times endeavour'd to draw her into the Controversy. When we came Home, whilst every Thing was fresh in our Memories, I drew up the Declaration, which besides what is mentioned before, contains the following Particulars. Namely, " That she voluntarily made these Declarations; that she was mov'd to make them " for the Sake of Justice only; that had the Parties concerned been utter Strangers to her before the Difference happened, she could not " have given with Truth, other than the Testimony she gave. That when I made known to " her my Intentions of calling Dr. AD-NG--N to " an Account for his ill Usage, I added, that if " possible, I would take some third Person with me: That I afterwards told her I had applied " to three Gentlemen mention'd in the Declaration, but without Success; that afterwards, " in her hearing, I was very urgent with a " fourth, nay desisted not from my Sollicitations 'till we came even to the Dr's Door, " and when at last I found I could by no Means prevail upon him, I took her in with me, as " a Restraint upon Dr. AD---GT-N or his Wife " from afterwards denying what he, Dr AD--GT-N, said, or misrepresenting what was said " by me. That as soon as we were introduced, " I directly told the Dr. I was come to see him, " and had brought my Wife to see Mrs. AD--NG-T-N.: That upon his saying his Wife was not

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“ in Town, I immediately and (as she verily be-
 “ lieves) purposely began my Expostulations
 “ whilst the Servant was present; that the Dr. ob-
 “ serving this with very indecent Warmth, I re-
 “ plied I had no Exception to talking before his
 “ Servant, that what I had to say, was what need
 “ not and should not be secret, and that as one had
 “ a Witness, it was proper the other should have
 “ one likewise. That throughout the whole of the
 “ Conference, I, to the best of her Remembrance,
 “ made Use of no indecent Expressions, but be-
 “ haved (as far as she was able to form a Judg-
 “ ment) no otherwise than as any Man must have
 “ done, who was thoroughly convinc’d he had
 “ been injured in the vilest Manner. On the other
 “ Hand, that Dr. AD--NG--N appeared to her,
 “ from his repeated Oaths and loss of Temper,
 “ to be sensible he had been in the Wrong, and
 “ in short, to behave as she should expect one to
 “ behave who was conscious to himself that he
 “ had grossly abused another under the Mask of
 “ Friendship. That I penn’d these Declarations
 “ for her, but that I examined her in the strictest
 “ Manner touching her Knowledge of every
 “ Article contained therein before I wrote it
 “ down, and set before her in the strongest Terms,
 “ the dreadful Consequences of bearing false
 “ Witness, before I desired her to sign it. And
 “ lastly, that she had not throughout the Whole,
 “ to her Knowledge or Intention, given any o-
 “ ther Representation than what the most un-
 “ prejudiced Person, who regarded Justice and
 “ Truth, must have given; and lastly, that she is
 “ willing to confirm on Oath, if required, any
 “ Part or the Whole of her Declaration.”

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Though I have some Objections to the Veracity of the Master, I should have had none to that of his Servant, had not the Servant therefore been hurried out of the Room, I should have been able to have adduced another Witness in my Favour; but those who know my Wife, will not, I am convinced, think her capable, on any Account, of bearing false Witness; and the Reader who does not know her, will, I make no doubt, admit her Testimony, when he considers that I took thorough Pains to procure a more unexceptionable as less interested Witness; and that it might not be objected to the only Evidence I could get, that I had improperly influenced her to do a wrong Thing, I took the further Precaution of carrying her over to her Trustee (who before Marriage was her Guardian) he being from Home, I left her at his House with Instructions, if he approv'd of it, to sign the Declaration in his Presence; and on her Return, she brought me a Letter from him to the following Purpose, *viz.* "That he had examined her in
 "Relation to every Part of her Declaration,
 "that she had distinctly answered to his Satisfaction, and had, by her own Desire, subscrib'd
 "it before him, which left no Doubt in him of
 "the Truth of it."

N. B. *The Declaration and Letters herein mentioned, shall be produced to any one who has a Desire to see them.*



REMARKS.

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REMARK I.

Had in a most scandalous Manner broke the Promise, &c.

AS He, in my Wife's Presence, had the Assurance to say he was above the World, and therefore cared not what it's Opinion of him was, it will be to little Purpose, otherwise I would here ask him how he can to the World reconcile such Behaviour with the Engagement to me above-mentioned. Can any unprejudiced Person acquit him of ill Designs, when they consider that, by his own Confession, he has known Dr. B----'s Designs for above a Year; (and the last Promise he made me on this Head was considerably within that Time) has received one Letter from Dr. F——N on this Subject (if no more) had seen Dr. B. himself in this Place, six Weeks before I received the Letter from *Oxford*, when he owns he came to a final Resolution to settle here; knew of his being here a second Time, when he actually took Lodgings---Lodgings at the very House the Dr. for *political Reasons* had once recommended to me; had enquired at another House, where for the same Reasons likewise he had advised me to lodge in Case I removed from my former Lodgings: Can any one I say, acquit the Dr. when they duly consider

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this? especially if to this is added, that neither Dr. F----N, who he says by sending Dr. B----E to be my Coadjutor (the very Expression Dr. F----N had, more than four Years ago, made Use of in my recommendatory Letter to Dr. AD---GT-N) *means to befriend me*, and has, as he says in the Letter wrote on behalf of Dr. B----E, express'd himself in equal Terms of Respect of me, nor Dr. B----E himself, who by Dr. AD---GT-N's Account *means not in the least to prejudice* an old School-fellow and Brother Collegian, but to do him *equal Service* with himself; for that when he is here, Dr. AD---GT-N confess'd to me before my Wife, that he told Dr. B----E there would then be but *two* Physicians, of whom he acknowledg'd me to be one, (I am much obliged to him for the Compliment, but Dr. MERRICK and Dr. RUSSEL have Reason to be *most particularly* so) and that there must be full Business for two. And of the two I am senior by two Years, have taken every Method to qualify myself that the other has, and if I may believe Dr. F----N (to whose Judgment every one must pay the greatest Deference) who, on my admission to practice, on Oath testified my Abilities, and afterwards, in Proof that he was not mistaken in me, wrote of me in very respectful Terms to Dr. AD---GT-N, and has likewise, by Dr. AD---GT-N's Account, recommended me in Case Dr. AD---GT-N should be absent to Patients, for which I hereby return my most grateful Acknowledgments, tho' none of them ever came under my Care; or if I may believe Dr. AD---GT-N (who has entrusted me with his own Life, and that of his only Son, or Mrs. AD---GT-N, who in her Husband's Absence once sent for me in great haste to one of her Daughters)

Daughters) may presume to say I am as well qualified. I repeat that neither Dr. F-----N, or himself have once, or to all Appearance, ever once intended to give me the least Hint of the *great Good* they intended me.

R E M A R K II.

He absolutely denied being any Ways accessory, &c.

AND I absolutely disbelieve this Assertion, and for the following Reasons; First, because my Correspondent at *Oxford* informs me that it was universally talk'd of and believed there, that Dr. B-----E is going to settle at *Reading* in the Room of Dr. AD-NG--N, who is removing to *London*, and is to introduce him (Dr. B-----E) into his present Acquaintance:---Now it is a common Expression that whatever one says must be true. Secondly; because I find Drs. AD---GT-N and B-----E flatly contradicting one another, Dr. AD---GT-N will not dare to disown that he told me, in the Presence of my Wife, that when he saw Dr. B-----E, six Weeks before our Conference, the Dr. asked him whether there was any Foundation for the Report which prevailed, that he intended to leave this Place; he confess'd there was, therefore Dr. B-----E could not be ignorant of it. An Acquaintance of our's at *Newbury*, whom I need not name to Dr. B-----E, gives me leave to mention that about the Time I went to Dr. AD--GT-N with the Letter from *Oxford*, he accidentally saw Dr. B-----E riding by his Door, a Conference ensued, in which Dr. B-----E told him, who press'd him very homely on the Report he had heard of Dr.

AD--GT-N's Intention to remove, that he was an absolute Stranger to any such Intention. If every Thing is fair, what Occasion for quibbling thus? A third Reason for disbelieving this, I take from Dr. B----E's being so fortunate as to apply for Lodgings at two Houses both of which Dr. A. had some time since recommended to me: This I own an absolute Stranger might do by Chance, and without Dr. AD--GT-N's Privity or Concurrence, but all Circumstances being joined, I should almost as soon be inclined to believe that the 24 Letters accidentally thrown together would form a Prescription appropriate to any given Case. I will bring a fourth Reason from Dr. B----E's known Prudence and good Sense, from these I argue, that he never would have turn'd his Thoughts hither, had he not been particularly invited; for my own Part, had it not been for a Friend at *Oxford*, I had, I believe, at present been wholly ignorant of his coming, no one therefore will imagine I invited him, and I think I may say as much for Dr. MERRICK and Dr. RUSSEL, there remains then but Dr. A. I do not expect his Confession, but I would remind him that where Proofs are sufficiently circumstantial we do not always wait for Confession. To proceed therefore by Circumstances to prove that he was particularly invited, it seems to me I must own, very unlikely for prudential Reasons, that he should otherwise think of coming hither; for first, he must resign his Offices and give up his Pupils, both of which, at a moderate computation, must amount to more than an Hundred a Year; besides, it was always the received Opinion of his College, and he never endeavour'd to contradict that Opinion, that his Intentions were

were to stay at *Oxford*, till such Time as, under the Patronage of Dr. F—N, he might obtain some Degree of Credit, with which to remove advantageously to *London*, with a particular View to *St. Bartholomew's* or some other Hospital, through the Interest of his Uncle BIGG. I beg leave by resuming Mr. BIGG's Discourse with Dr. AD--G-T--N to account for his so entirely altering his Scheme: Dr. AD---G-T-N had confess'd his Intentions to remove, might not Mr. BIGG (though it is not for the Dr's Honour to have it known, and therefore I make no doubt all Parties will conceal it) very naturally say, "Dr. mine and
 " my Nephew's Intentions were to have him stay
 " at *Oxford*, till under the Wing of Dr. F----N
 " he should obtain some Degree of Credit, &c. I
 " find there, many more People in his Way than
 " I could wish, if therefore you will give him
 " your Interest in *Berkshire*, my Nephew shall
 " take your two Houses on your own Terms,
 " and I will in return likewise serve you to the
 " utmost of my Power in *London*."---Suppose him
 " to add further, " my Intentions were particular-
 " ly to bring in my Nephew at *St. Bartholomew's*
 " or some other Hospital, if you accept my Pro-
 " posal, I will endeavour to serve you at *St. Bar-*
 " *tholomew's*, or elsewhere, the first Vacancy,
 " which may probably happen before my Ne-
 " phew is sufficiently established, and you, on a
 " proper Occasion, shall return the Obligation."
 A tempting Proposal this, to a worldly Man to break through his Engagements with one who had no such Offers to make!—I do not pretend to say this was positively the Case, but I must own I think it more than probable; however, thus much I will be bold to say, that if this was not,
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some other lucrative View was the Motive, for
 (bad as human Nature may be) I cannot conceive
 a Man could so scandalously break through his
 Engagements for *Nothing*. I would bring a fifth
 Reason from Dr. B----'s known Good-Nature,
 and peaceable Disposition; now by his Method
 of proceeding it was more than probable that he
 would get into a Squabble with an old Acquaint-
 ance, one who had neither by Word or Deed
 provok'd his Ill-Will, and this to one of common
 Good-Nature, and a lover of Peace, is doubtless
 to be avoided; how far he endeavours to avoid
 it let the Impartial Judge, when they have heard
 what further pass'd between our Friend at *New-
 bury* and himself: He had, as I before observed,
 denied to him any the least Knowledge of Dr. A's
 Removal, our Friend on this observed he tho't it a
 little odd that he should particularly turn his
 Thoughts to a Place where, on Supposition that
 Dr. A. continu'd, already were four Physicians, all
 settled there a considerable Time; besides, added
 he, there is your School-Fellow, and old Friend
 and Acquaintance *PIGOTT*, why do you chuse to
 throw yourself in the Way of obstructing him?
 have you acquainted him with your Designs? He
 answer'd, No, he did not know how he might take
 it, (and by what he could Judge he did not care:)
 Dr. *PIGOTT*, he said, might probably have the
 greatest Share of Practice, but he was still in
 Hopes it might answer his Purpose, and, as he
 had Dr. *AD-GT-N*'s Approbation, he was re-
 solved to come.— From such Behaviour as this
 one would be almost inclin'd to suspect that he
 thought a Quarrel with me might be to his Ad-
 vantage, if that is his Aim, he shall find himself
 mistaken. I have now gone through my Reasons
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for disbelieving Dr. AD--NG-T-N, when he says, he was not accessory to Dr. B---E's coming. I beg leave now to mention how (if I know myself) I should have behaved to Dr. B----E, had he come near me or wrote to me, as I think he ought, on this Occasion. Good Manners and civil Treatment he might at least have depended on, had he told me he heard Dr. AD--NG-N was going, my Promise to him, and my one Interest, led me to endeavour to persuade him to the contrary; had he given me to understand he was let into the Secret, I should even then have dissuaded him from coming hither, because I verily think three Physicians quite sufficient for this Place, and I must own, ill as I think he has treated me, I mean him too well to wish him to starve, but at the same Time I love myself too well to give him the Bread out of my own Mouth; had he still persisted in his Resolution, I then should have freely told him he was going to do by me what I could never have been brought to do by him, but that if his settling here was a determined Point, it should not be my Fault however, if we were not on good Terms. I will leave the Impartial to Judge whether I am sincere in saying I would not have done so by him, when I have called Dr. COXED, the very worthy Warden of *Winchester*, to witness for me, that some Time before I set down here, it having by some of my Friends been represented to me that there was a proper opening at *Winchester*, I wrote to him, desiring him to mention it to Dr. BOWLES (who is at present one of the Fellows of *New College*) Dr. COXED gave me to understand I was not to expect Encouragement to settle there from Dr. B. I therefore dropt my Design, being unwilling to come contrary to his Inclina-

Inclinations; and to prove that I was not mistaken in Regard to there being a proper opening, I shall add, that Dr. Hooke has supplied my Place, and as I hear, goes on very successfully. I have since heard, from very good Authority, that Dr. Bowles had given Dr. B----- very particular Encouragement to come thither, but his Schemes were then, as I have hinted before, of another Nature. This I hope proves what I intended it should, I will add another Instance: When I first propos'd coming hither, I thought it a decent Compliment (though to one of his extensive Practice it was nothing more) to enquire of Dr. Merrick of *Isleworth* (the Place where my Father practis'd) whether he had any Thoughts of ever removing to this Place; and I believe I owe to my Behaviour in this Point, in great Measure, any small Degree of Esteem or Good-Will he may honour me with. Thus far as to my Behaviour.— Had Dr. B----- used me as he ought, I will now mention what he is to expect from me as he has treated me in a Manner he ought not. Though I have left my Fellowship I hope my Memory is such that far the greatest Part of the College with me well, nay I will presume to flatter myself that not one with me otherwise, at least I am not conscious to myself that I have ever given them Occasion, * I will therefore, if he pleases, submit the Affair to them; if they are

* I have been at *New College* since I wrote this with this Intention, saw Dr. B. told him on what Errand I was come, but though that very Day I din'd in the Hall (the Place where by his Office he ought to have dined) and the next Day in the Burfary, and both Days after Dinner remov'd to take a Grace-Cup in the common Room, I saw no more of him. I find his Destination was kept as secret from his College as from me, who heard indeed

are of Opinion he has behaved handsomely by me, I will think so likewise, and receive him in the friendly Manner I should wish to receive one, whom I have known Man and Boy, upwards of twenty Years: If this Proposal is rejected, still I assure him I will not begin to quarrel; but he may always depend upon the fairest Behaviour from me, and I in return will expect the same from him. One Word more finishes this Head. When I first communicated to my Brethren at *New College* the Letter which determin'd me hither, and desired their Assistance, all present, and I think Dr. B — E was one, will do me the Justice to own that I promised, and I here repeat that Promise, that if I succeeded at *Reading*, and at any Time saw an Opportunity of introducing a Physician, I never would be unmindful of the

indeed he was going to settle somewhere, but by what they could collect from him, imagined his Designs were on *London*. His Reasons for this secrecy I imagine to be these; he will not, I believe, deny me an equal Share in the Good Will of a Society not one of whom, I am convinced, himself excepted, would have acted by me as he has; he might be apprehensive therefore, had he to them made known his Designs, which in a common Acquaintance would have been unfriendly, in him were unnatural, they would have used their utmost Endeavours to have dissuaded him from putting them into Execution, or if they found that impracticable, would have made known to me what he was desirous I should be a Stranger to as long as possible. I call his Designs unnatural, because, to speak for myself, and I think I may say the same for my Brethren the *Wiccamists* in General, we hold ourselves interested in the Welfare of every Individual brought up with us, as we are thereby in Effect promoting the Interest of the whole Community, for which we cannot but have a natural Affection. Is he not therefore on these Principles acting an unnatural Part; who can thus follow, for the Sake of Opposition, a Brother who had done what lay in his Power to promote his Success at *Oxford*, by removing from thence at a Time particularly advantageous to him.

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Place of my Education, for which I should be to the last Degree ungrateful did I not retain the most respectful Regard. Having said thus much I must own I little expected any one would come hither in Spight of my Teeth, and without communicating a Tittle of his Intentions to me; particularly I did not expect this from one who had promised me his Interest with his Uncle Bree, and whole eldest Brother actually did write in Favour of me, and received for Answer from Mr. Bree that he would *puff* Dr. PIGOTT.---I fear I must rely but little on this Promise, as he has now some one else to *puff*.

R E M A R K III.

Had for some Time look'd shy upon him, &c.

WHAT paltry Excuses will a bad Man lay hold on who wants better! In last Christmas Holidays I accepted Dr. AD--TG--N's Invitation to Dinner, and met there Mr. Barlow, I appeal to him whether we were not very chatty, and whether any one could judge by our Behaviour then, that we were dissatisfied with each other: I excused myself from Supper, not out of any Shyness towards him, but because I intended a Visit to my Mistress, who within a Fortnight was my Wife; from that Time, till I married, I never saw him within my Doors, therefore as a Batchelor I ow'd him no Respect: A few Days after our Marriage, I met him in Consultation at the Dean of C. I ask the Dean whether by what he observed then, he should have imagined he had been displeased with me, or whether I look'd shy on him.

Having

Having seen the poor Woman, he kept me walking to and fro in the Street for a considerable Time, talk'd of various Things, *but not a Word of Discontent*; asked me in particular, when we saw Company, for that he and Mrs. A--G T--N intended to Visit us; I told him as my Wife had so lately recover'd from the Small Pox, we were inclined to defer seeing Company for some Time; he then said he would call on us some Time before, in a friendly Manner: He accordingly did so in a Morning, and staid chatting a considerable Time, and my Sister, who was then with me, and my Wife both say that by his Behaviour they should as soon have suspected he had been angry with them, as me; neither did I in any Sort appear to look shy upon him. When we received Company, they likewise came, they contrived to stay beyond the rest, drew round the Fire in a very familiar friendly Manner, the Dr. especially; he produced a political Pamphlet, read it out, and commented upon it before they took their leave (which was not till they had received an Invitation to Supper) seemingly in the highest good Humour imaginable. That Visit we returned the first Day of our Returns, and were very graciously received by Mrs. A D--G T--N, the Dr. being from Home; the Company each Time present are called upon to testify whether they could observe any particular Signs of Discontent on their Part, or of Disrespect or Reserve on ours. Four Months have since passed and we have not seen either of them within our Doors, though the Dr. in particular, has hardly failed to pass by them at least once a Day, in his Attendance on a Lady within a few Doors of me.—Who will now say I have look'd shy on him? who will

not rather say he has been shy towards me? and the Reason, to me, is very apparent, he was all this while contriving Mischief against me.

R E M A R K IV.

Was long before the Promise I challenged.

AND therefore at least cannot do him Good, as it proves nothing more than his Skill in Diffimulation, and his being capable under the Guise of a Smile to conceal the worst Intentions. Yet, trifling as it is, I will mention it, lest my Silence should be construed to my Disadvantage.

In one of the many Tête a Tête Conferences I had the Honour of being admitted to, on my first setting down here, I was led to observe that it sometimes was the Case, and perhaps it might prove mine, to lose one Friend by obtaining another; Dr. A-B---C-T-N return'd upon me, with some Earnestness, that he did not mean it should, and he hop'd his Acquaintance would not be of Disservice to me; I assured him that was far from my Thoughts when I mentioned it, and added, if that should unhappily be the Case, I hoped he entertained a better Opinion of me, than to imagine me capable of wantonly deserting one who had so generously sought my Friendship; the Dr. replied, he did not think I was; and here ended the Discourse, with no visible Discontent on either Side.

But though he has no just Grounds of Complaint, I have; I will instance in the Case of Capt. CHEAP: He who had before entrusted me with his one Life, and since, with that of his only Son, will not dare in this, or any other Case, to call
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my Judgment, as a Physician, in Question, lest he should prove himself both Fool and Knave; and indeed, to do him Justice, I never heard he did: What I find he and the Family blam'd me for, was too much Modesty, or Diffidence whilst with the Patient, and for leaving the House too soon; of the latter, I own, I now thoroughly repent; for had I staid, I should have prevented a Stab in the Dark, which I can prove I receiv'd. My Reason for quitting the House as I did, was this; As I was an utter Stranger in the Family, and could easily perceive both in the Sick Man's Chamber and afterwards in the Parlour, a Want of that Confidence usually reposed in a Physician, I chose to withdraw, flattering myself that a Friend would soon arrive by whose Means I should be re-instated much to my Advantage; how much I was mistaken the Sequel will shew. I have no better Way of obviating the other Objection than by acknowledging my Inferiority to the Dr. in Point of *Address* and *Assurance*, Qualifications so necessary to advance a Man, and procure him Respect, that I would readily, in Exchange for what he could spare of them, forgive him all the Injury he has done me. But to proceed, I was introduced to a Patient of some Consequence, the Case was to the last Degree deplorable, and all was committed to one whose Appearance had not prejudiced the Company in his Favour; under these discouraging Circumstances I might perhaps be somewhat disconcerted, yet not so as to be unable to perform my Duty as a Physician. The Case was a violent Paralytic Seizure, the Apothecary had before I arrived very properly bled the Patient, and applied a Blister to the Back; Purges or Clysters were
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by no Means immediately Necessary, because he had been for a considerable Time under a Course of purging Waters, and the very Day before the Stroke, had been pretty smartly evacuated by them: Blisters were here, undoubtedly, the Sheet-Anchor, and of these, none more proper than to the Head; but leave to blister the Head is what those of most extensive Practice frequently find great Difficulty to obtain, and I had no Reason to hope it would have been complied with had it been at once proposed by one, who as a Stranger, could not probably have the Necessary Influence; I therefore, with an Intent to proceed to the Head had my Advice been readily followed, amongst other Things, proposed blistering the Arm and Leg of the Side affected, but was given to understand that Blisters had been prepar'd for the Arms before my Arrival; and I, perhaps with a culpable Modesty, did not insist on my Advice being punctually followed, but contented myself with saying it was my Opinion that no Time should be lost; that they might apply them in what Manner they prefer'd, but that, was Dr. AD--GT--N present, he would, I made no Doubt, concur in my opinion; or, if they chose to do so, they might wait for him, whom I then imagined the Family, though I now find Mrs. AD--GT--N only, had sent for, and who was expected every Moment. My expressing myself thus respectfully of Dr. AD--GT--N, and diffidently of myself, was construed to my Disadvantage, and they resolved to wait his coming. Perhaps it might have fared otherwise with me could I (a Scene of such Distress before me) have divested myself of Humanity, and assuming the *Dignity of the Physician*, have left the Room with an "if
" you

“ you do not chuse to follow my Directions, your Friend may die and be d—d.” Such Behaviour may become a Bashaw in Physic, but my Time for taking such Liberties is not yet come, and if, in Spight of the Machinations of the Friends of V--e and ——— it ever should, my Patients may be assured I never will take them; a Physician may not always be able to relieve the Distresses of his Fellow-Creatures, but he has it always in his Power to behave humanely, and he who is not a Brute will bear with their Infirmities, and at least speak Comfort to the afflicted. But to Return, it is an unvariable Rule in Practice, and those are justly suspected of bad Intentions who depart from it, when one Physician is called over another, punctually to enquire what has been done by the former, and if what was ordered by him is better, nay but as good as what the other can think of, an Honest Man will not, for two very obvious Reasons, make any Kind of Alterations: This Rule I fear is for fordid Ends too frequently broke through. But to apply this to the present case, Blisters to the Arm and Leg of the Side affected were certainly more proper than to the Legs; and Blisters to the Arms as proper, and (as he has confess'd it to be indifferent whether they were applied to the Arms or Legs) unquestionably more proper to be order'd by a Friend, who might at the same Time have applied them to the Legs if he had seen Occasion, for he well knows, such was the Deference of that Family to his Opinion, that he might have done just what he pleased; and had all I have mentioned been done in this very desperate Case, no understanding Person would have thought it too much.—When he
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came into the Room, he was, as he in excuse for his Behaviour says, like me flutter'd; (those who know us both will, I believe, allow for my being disconcerted, where this *spare Cassius* owns himself to have been so) ask'd hastily whether he had Blisters to his Head and Legs, and being answered in the Negative, ordered them to be applied immediately; but forgot to enquire what I had ordered; which had he known, he should, he says, have approved of. A fatal Oversight this to me, for had his Approbation come in proper Time, and the Things propos'd been urged as they should have been, had he for instance; as he very well might, express'd his Concern for their having lost so much Time in a Case of such urgency, it would, I am persuaded, have alter'd my Situation in the Family, and procured me that Regard which his proceeding tended on the Contrary to deprive me of; this however was not his View, for otherwise, surely he would not have been concerned without me; I do not mean that in a Case of such Necessity, he should have staid till I came, but doubtless, most Physicians would not have began to act till I had been sent for: But he says he press'd me so far, that he was apprehensive of losing the Family; I, in the same Case, would have lost it rather than have deserted my Friend. But the Misfortune is, Mr. CHEAP *tells the Story otherwise*, He says the Dr. did indeed ask where I was, and on * Mrs. CHEAP's saying I was gone, with some Expressions not *over Civil*,
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* Amongst other Questions, I put the following to Mrs *Cheap*, whether the Capt. had been subject to scorbutic Eruptions, and whether they had suddenly disappeared? I could perceive her displeased at this, and therefore replied that I hoped I had not
asked

he *damn'd* me indeed with *faint Praise* (Mr. CHEAP's own Expression) but easily acquiesc'd after having observed, that I was *young in Practice*, and he supposed I was flatter'd, but that I should not have left the House: He adds likewise, that if proper Things had been said, particularly to his Cousin, who is a Man of Candour and Humanity, he makes no Doubt, I had been sent for again; But this, in his Opinion, was not the Dr's Design, I had answer'd his Purpose by keeping out some other who would have maintained his Ground; and as far as he can judge, the Family never understood his Recommendation of me any otherwise than of an *hopeful young Man* who might supply his Place till he could be had. — Mr. CHEAP, in Mr. SANDERSON's hearing, gave me leave to mention, and since I wrote them down I have show'd them to Mr. SANDERSON, who well remembers all these Particulars; nay, Mr. CHEAP added (so very much did he behave like a Gentleman) that he would answer any Letter from Dr. AD---GT-N in Consequence, and would even undertake a Journey in Confirmation of them; and lastly, that he had no other Exception to setting down what as Particulars were included in the General, but that it would draw out his Declaration to an unnecessary Length. Having returned Thanks to Mr. CHEAP for his very generous and Gentleman-like Behaviour, I shall proceed to his Declaration.

asked any improper Questions, which I assured her was far from my Intention. Whether these Questions were proper to be ask'd in Relation to one who had been Partaker of all the Hardships Lord Anson underwent, I submit to my Brethren.

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DECLARATION.

MR. CHEAP of *Baliol College in Oxford*, is willing to own, That he had express'd himself disrespectfully of me to Dr. AD---GT-N in Relation to his Uncle, and that upon Grounds which he now thinks, and has for some Time thought unreasonable; That he, for a considerable Time has been desirous of obviating any ill Effects which may have arose from his Manner of speaking, and therefore with great Cheartfulness embraces this, and will neglect no other Opportunity which may offer of doing so.

On asking Mr. CHEAP in what Manner Dr. AD---GT-N behaved, in his Opinion, towards me, whether in particular, he behaved as a strenuous Advocate, and endeavour'd, to the utmost of his Power, to obviate the Prejudices which the Family had conceived of me; his Opinion was, that he *did not*. At this Distance of Time Mr. CHEAP can but imperfectly recollect what pass'd, but he can charge his Memory with these two particular Expressions, one was that Dr. PIGOTT had seen *little Practice*, the other, that he wanted *Common-Sense*. On the Whole, Dr. AD---GT-N seem'd to him to represent Dr. PIGOTT in a very inferior Light.

*New-College,
July 11, 1754.*

N. B. Mr. CHEAP in great Measure dictated the above to me, and after having read the Whole, approved of it. This Declaration shall likewise be produced to those who are inclined to see it.

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I would make a further Use of this, *viz.* To prove that I have not treated the Dr. ill, for I am not certain when he mention'd my having * *cut him to the very Heart* by laying his Acquaintance had been of Disservice to me, he might not allude to this very Affair; for I own I with great Freedom told him, I thought his Behaviour on this Occasion was very Wrong, but at the same Time accepted his Excuse of having offended by inadvertency, not Design; I added, that for the future I should not think myself obliged to him for any Introduction upon so disadvantageous a footing.

Ecce iterum Crispinus! See a second Example. The Summer before last, I attended Mrs. GODDARD, who recover'd very soon, and was pleased to impute her Recovery, under God, to the Means I made Use of, and when at the End of the Case she took leave of me, she express'd herself highly satisfied with my Care of her, and promised, whenever she had Occasion, I should be her Phylician: Accordingly, last Summer she sent for me, when I was from Home, the Opinion she had of me inclined her to wait 24 Hours, but on my not returning then, and her Illness considerably encreasing, she sent for Dr. AD-GT-N, imagining, as she has been heard to say several Times before her Death, that there was such a Familiarity between Dr. AD---GT-N and myself that on my coming home he would give her up to me, whom she prefer'd, as being acquainted with her Constitution. The Night I returned I

* And now a Tear, portentous Sign of Grace,
Stole from the Master of the seven-fold Face.

Pope's Dunciad.

was told Mrs. GODDARD had wanted me, I called for my Servant with an Intent to have sent over my Compliments, but one in Company happening to mention that Dr. AD---GT-N had been with her, I altered my Design, being unwilling give the Dr. the least Occasion to think I wanted to supplant him in the Patient. A Day or two afterwards the Dr. drop'd in upon me, blamed me for being too much from Home; I return'd that I never was absent on Pleasure, that now, in particular, I had been on Account of a Trust which had devolv'd on me by the Death of my Mother, which had often, and still would call me to *London* and it's Neighbourhood. He expressed great Concern for having got from me in my Absence one of my Patients; she was, he said, my opposite Neighbour, he was hurried with other Business, and she lay far from him, and he could wish to have been able to return her to me, that he had been even then endeavouring it, but in Vain: I desired him to be under no Concern for me, it was unlucky indeed for me that I was absent, but fortunate, in all likelihood, for the Patient that she had fallen into so much better Hands, and I heartily wished him Success with her. I must own at the same Time, I thought it a little odd that one who had before succeeded under my Hands, and had often expressed her Sense of it, whom I had treated very tenderly with Regard to Fees, and who had sent and staid for me in the Manner mentioned above, should all at once alter her Opinion so entirely; little did I then think what I now find to be the Case, that she, who had sent to Dr. AD---GT-N on a Presumption that he would return her to me when I came home, had laid it in his Way to do so by saying

saying I had before been of Service to her, and that therefore she had first sent to me; and on his neglecting this Hint, she soon after proceeded so far as to tell him, she was not better for his Medicines, and to desire him to omit his Visits, with an Intention to send for me as soon as he had taken leave; leave he did not chuse to take, but told her the Case was indeed untoward, but he hoped to have the Credit of the Cure, and he continued all along to flatter her with a Recovery. This I can prove, yet he* on whose Face Shame is ashamed to sit, has the Assurance to assert, that he press'd me to the utmost, but that they (the very People who but three Days before had waited 24 Hour in Expectation of me) were resolved not to have me. How very improbable this is, I submit to any one, who to what has been said before adds, that her Husband is confident *he* never did, and that *she* never would have refused, had the Dr. propos'd me, because he had often heard her say she ow'd her Life to me: The Nurse likewise joins in this Opinion, and adds, as a corroborating Circumstance, that she had several Times, during her Illness, heard Mrs. GODDARD observe with Satisfaction, that Dr. AD-GT-N was gone over to me, for that she was in Hopes we might jointly think of somewhat to her Advantage. Whether the Dr. gave her Reason to think he went over the Way for the Sake of my Opinion, I do not pretend to say, but if the Reader has Patience, to go through this, and after summing up the Evidence, to form his Judgment of him, he may not perhaps think it improbable, and then the Reason of her Re-

* See Shakespear's *Romeo and Juliet*.

ful is plain, *two Heads are better than one*. I shall dismiss this Subject having observ'd that during Dr. AD---GT-N's Attendance, and after he had taken Leave, I was given to understand my Visits would be Acceptable, but that the poor Woman could not afford to fee me; I made Answer she should be very welcome to my Advice if I thought it could be of Service to her, but that I well knew no human Means could restore her, and that therefore if I attended, and particularly for nothing, it might appear as if I was desirous of arrogating to myself, at the Expence of Dr. AD---GT-N's Character, a Cure which, as it must depend on mere Strength of Constitution, I must be sensible I should have no just Title to.

Having seen these Instances of his Friendship and Honesty, we proceed to produce one of his paternal Affection, Gratitude, and Generosity: When he began to be alarmed for his Son in the Illness of which he died, I was the first Person sent to, and at Midnight, but was from Home; when I returned I sent Notice, and was desired to attend immediately; I did so, and met there Dr. MERRICK, * Mr. GIRLE, and the Dean of Carlisle. Throughout the Illness, we at stated Times met in Consultation, but I was domestic Phy-

* This is not the only Instance of Inconsistence with Regard to consulting only with regular Physicians, which might be produced: These Gentlemen will excuse the Liberty I take with their Names; The first is a Man of so great Experience and uncommon Abilities, that his Opinion, whenever he pleases to give it must demand Respect; the other I much honour as a Clergyman of great Learning and exemplary Piety, and were I so minded, it is not to my Purpose to derogate from his Abilities as a Physician, because, whatever they may be, I have been so fortunate as to cure those whom he could not cure, and whom he thought no one else could.

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fician, and till the Time of his Death (after which, at the Dr's particular Desire, I open'd the Child) was scarce ever permitted to stir from the House; the Dr. being pleased to pay me the very particular Compliment of saying, he was indeed obliged to the others for their Kindness, but mine was the Judgment he intended to rely on. (The Reader will please to observe this was a considerable Time after the Death of Capt. CHEAP, therefore I had not fuller'd in his Opinion on that Account.) The Morning the Child died, when I came down to Breakfast, (for I lay there) I found the Company had prevailed on the Dr. to go out with me for the Sake of diverting his Thoughts from his loss, whilst I, as I understood, was to visit a Patient he had been called to; accordingly when we had got about a Mile out of Town, I began to enquire a little particularly about the Patient; he then told me he imagined I had mistaken him; for that he was to act the Physician, and had only desired my Company by Way of Amusement; whatever were my Thoughts I saw no Occasion to let him know them, and therefore went on, without making any Answer, to the Patient, to whom the Dr. made a Merit that he had brought with him another Physician, whose Abilities he was at the same Time pleased to compliment, and at his (the Dr's) particular Desire, my Advice was joined to his, and he with great Composure pocketed the Fees. Some Allowance might have been made for an affectionate Father's breaking through the Rules of Decency, had either the Patient been one who relied on his Advice and his alone, or of such Consideration as to make him apprehensive of losing a Family had another supplied his Place; but I must own myself

myself surprized, not without a Mixture of Indignation, when I found a Father had dedicated the Whole of so very improper a Day to visiting an absolute Stranger to his Merits, one to whom a charitably dispos'd Person had given two Guineas to see a Physician. Here was certainly no very urgent Call to one inclined to lay still; here was doubtless an Opportunity of making some Return for an Obligation so lately receiv'd, and that on very easy Terms, for as the Patient was in the last Stage of a most deplorable Mortification, there could be no Hopes of a second Visit.

REMARK V.

He desired me to prove he in this Case acted otherwise than as a Friend, &c.

I Have Proofs, which I am ready to produce, that in this very Case, he has behaved by me worse than an Enemy. A generous Enemy, in an Affair of such Consequence, would not have talk'd at random, much less would have shut his Eyes to Conviction, and still talk'd on; he has done this and more: Had an Enemy behaved thus, proper Allowances would have been made by every candid Judge, but if a Friend cannot take your Part every one will necessarily conclude you guilty. Wherever I have had an Opportunity of speaking for myself, I have to every one (himself excepted, my Bosom-Friend excepted!) prov'd my Behaviour in this Case to have been so far from blameable, that on the other Hand it was disinterested, conscientious, I need not add praise-worthy; and if I have further'd in the Opinion

nion of any who are Strangers to me, it is my Misfortune, not my Fault; it is owing to the Delicacy of the Case, which had I made known without especial Leave, I should have been justly blamed by every one, but I am so conscious of my Uprightness, and so earnestly desirous (if the Parties concerned will permit me) to vindicate my Character, that I hereby offer Dr. A--G--R--N, or any other Person, the Reward of an hundred Guineas for Leave to do so: If, Leave obtained, I do not clear myself, I shall then deserve to be, and doubtless shall be exposed to the World; but the World will in the mean Time, I hope, be so just to me as to impute my Silence to my Innocence, not to my Guilt.---He who takes my Gold takes trash, &c.

R E M A R K VI.

He had not as yet taken an House in London, or let his own Houses here, &c.

MY Brethren in London must look to themselves, otherwise this Doctor Subtilis will be too many for them, for he has now done both. His two Houses are let, the least, for which I offer'd 40 Guineas a Year, on a Term of 21 Years, for 35 *l.* on a Lease of three Years only; the other to Dr. B-----, at 60 *l.* a Year: According to the Rate of Houses in this Place, it would be well let at 40; is this additional 20 given for nothing? No, quoth Dr. A--G--T--N * as you have now quarreled with me I am resolv'd

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* Let us review his Behaviour before the Breach, In Relation to the Affair hinted at above (which happened about the Time I

to serve him, and will therefore recommend him to the utmost of my Power. I in no Sort intend to reflect on Dr. B. ---'s Abilities, but I do verily believe for the other 20 *l.* a Year he would in the same Manner have recommended his Footman; and I have a better Opinion of the Sense and Resentment of this Town and Country, than to imagine they will be pleased when they understand their Health is thus to be set up to Bargain and Sale, or that they will suffer themselves, like

refused his Houses) my Mouth is at Present stop'd, but if he dares to earn the 100 Guineas, I will prove him in this Article, perfidious to the last Degree; in the mean Time I cannot, in Justice to myself, refrain from observing that I find him taking all Occasions, nay sometimes going out of his Way, to speak disrespectfully of a Friend whose Advocate he had promised to be; a Friend who besides having accounted to him for his Behaviour in a Manner which had never failed to satisfy others, and with which he pretended to be satisfied; had by desiring him to appoint a meeting with the Parties concerned, given what to any one else would have been a convincing Proof of his Integrity. * *Obsequious Umbra's* View in acting thus insiduously I am convinced was this, a Junto of Physicians who waited for an Opportunity, thought this a favourable one to revenge themselves upon me for daring to call *Obscenity* by its proper Name, and the particular Part assign'd him on this Occasion was to prejudice People against me, whereby to facilitate the Introduction of one, concerning whom by Agreement he was soon to receive commendatory Letters: These received, he flies from Place to Place, introduces his Discourse with a palpable Lye, viz *He had not, forsooth, the least Intention of quitting this Place*; then (where he thinks a contrary Behaviour not likely to answer his Purpose) he proceeds to some slight Commendation of me; and now the Letters are produced, read and enlarg'd upon with all the Rhetoric display'd on a familiar Occasion at † *Henly*. This he may call *Neutrality*, but the World, when it considers he was all this Time under a strict Engagement to serve me, and me only, will, I trust, call it *Perfidy*.

* See Garth's *Desponsatory*. † See Dr. Russell's *Letter to Dr. A.*

Sheep, to become the Property of the best Bidder
 for Dr. AD---GT-N's Houses.—The Truth is not
 yet to be got at, Time may perhaps produce it;
 in the mean while I will suppose that the taking of
 both the Houses, if necessary, was a Matter pre-
 concerted, the Reader may give the Supplication
 what Weight he thinks it deserves, Mr. B—E
 then having engaged for one of the Houses, at
 least, at *Michaelmas*, might not Dr. AD---GT-N
 naturally desire the Agreement might be kept se-
 cret till that Time, arguing, if not with him and
 Dr. B-----E, with himself however, thus. “By
 “keeping Dr. B—E's Intention secret, I am
 “giving an Advantage to those who will serve
 “me more effectually than PIGOTT can, whom
 “therefore I am resolved to desert; when he at
 “last comes to know it, in all likelihood, he will
 “expostulate with me, and I will first endeavour
 “to cajole him, as I have often before done, and
 “persuade him that by bringing Dr. B—E
 “hither I am consulting his Interest; if this goes
 “glibly down, all is well, and Dr. B---E, who
 “is to come hither soon after *Mid-summer*, may
 “before *Michaelmas* take my House, as if by
 “Chance, and that will entitle him to my Favour
 “without any Appearance of Injustice to P.
 “but if PIGOTT (whom I know to have some
 “warmth in his Temper) should resent my Usage
 “of him, a Breach may probably ensue, and I
 “in Consequence of that, have an Opportunity
 “of accepting Dr. B. for a Tenant without Re-
 “serve, and openly espousing him; and I must in-
 “vent some Story of ill Usage to obviate Dr.
 “PIGOTT's Remonstrances.” I am not the less
 inclined to think this was the Case, though Mrs.
 AD---GT-N says it was very lucky that Dr. B.

applied as he did, otherwise the House would have been engaged; there was no Danger of it's being taken by any other Person, at 60 *l.* a Year, and might it not be shewn by Way of Blind? I am the more inclined to believe this, because I have known the Dr. shew the next House, to Mrs. BADCOCK (now Mrs. BARKER) in particular, which he could do only for the Sake of shewing, for he has since assured me he never had any Thoughts of letting it, but always intended it for a Mad-house, and only for that Purpose.

R E M A R K VII.

What he had, by his own Confession, long since reveal'd to another.

BRED, up at the same Schools, and Fellow of the same College with myself, must it not be suppos'd he has made a considerable Advantage (as our Views and Interests must necessarily much interfere) by being let into the Secret; and will not every one see that I have been grossly abused by being entrusted with a Secret which I have religiously kept, and have thereby been debar'd from making the Use of the Reports I have continually heard and contradicted, I otherwise should have made; for had I known nothing of the Matter, I certainly should have waited on Dr. AD---GT-N, and though he had denied the Truth, I should however, on the Report's gaining Ground have applied to our mutual Friends conditionally, which, if Dr. AD---GT-N will do me Justice, he must own was the only Method I took when I made my Application on my first coming; but if he will not, I can name several
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who will. As the Case at Present stands, I have, by relying on his Honesty, and expecting according to his Promise to have Notice given me when to begin my Applications, been lull'd into a State of Security and Inactivity, whilst my Brother *Wiccamist* and Fellow-Collegian has had six Weeks at least, in which to make his Advantage of me. If this is Justice, I know not what is Injustice! But Dr. B----E had the Assurance to tell me, in the Presence of Mr. WHEAT, whom he brought with him to see me, that he had made no other Use of this Time except only to apply to Mr. BRIGG's Friends, and that he has not at all interfer'd with mine: This Assertion I proved to his Face to be false. This is somewhat in the *Ad-g-tonian* Style, but he promises to behave better for the Future, and I am willing to think him sincere.



AS Dr. AD---GT-N, to serve his iniquitous Purposes, has been pleased to represent me in the following disadvantageous Lights, * first, as a Man who wanted Common-Sense; secondly, as a young Man; and thirdly, as one who had seen little Practice: I should be wanting to myself did I not speak to each separately. And first, he says I want Common-Sense.---If by Common-Sense he means natural Capacity and Understanding, should I submit to his Decision I doubt whether the Thing might be said to be *coram Judice*, and I hope it is no Presumption to say that I am content to stand with him in that Rank which our common Acquaintance think fit to allow me.

* See Mr. *Cheap*'s Declaration.

It is a frequent Expression that such a one has every Sense but Common-Sense, by which we understand *worldly Sense*, or *Cunning*; if the Dr. would be understood thus, I will freely own my *Inferiority* to him in this, but at the same Time will insist on my Right of *Superiority* in Regard to another, I mean the Sense of *Honour* and *Honesty*, here I will not yeild to *him* of all Men. I will finish this Article with reminding him of a Compliment he has often paid me, (and I wish I could return it) that I was *too honest* to thrive in this World.

Secondly, I am a young Man,---I wish all my Faults would mend as naturally as this, but unless he began the World with Deceit, there happens to be but five Year's Difference in our Ages, by the *Winchester* Register; therefore in point of Age, if I may judge by him, I might have made Pretensions to very extensive Practice seven Years ago, for it is now twelve Years since he came hither, and had immediately the Happiness not to be thought too young; but he was, to use his own Words, *Gallinae Filius alba*, and his Arrogance may perhaps lead him to add

* *Nos viles Pulli Nati infelicibus Ovis.* Juv.

But to proceed to the third Objection, I had truly seen little Practice when I came hither.---As his first struck at my natural, this seems aim'd at my acquired Abilities; I would here ask him soberly, wherein his Education had been preferable to mine? what Practice he had seen, and

* Heav'n's Fav'rite Thou, for better Fates design'd,
Than *We* the Dregs and Rubbish of Mankind. *Crotch.*

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where, when he first sat down at *Reading*? what his Studies, who his Instructors, if any, in the different Branches of Medical Knowledge? For alter the Freedom he has taken with my Abilities, I have a Right to demand (and so has the Public) upon what Pretence he affects that Impudent Superiority over his Neighbours: If he has any Questions to ask me upon the same Subject, I flatter myself he shall not want a proper and *decent Answer*. In the mean Time it may suffice to mention, that after having pass'd from Schools to university Education, under Directors of the best Character and Reputation, I very early, from natural Inclination, applied myself to the Study of Physic; followed the Methods, and read the Authors recommended by the ablest Judges; had many Advantages at *Oxford* and *London* of seeing the best Practice both public and private; dedicated one Year to Lectures in Town, a second to the Attendance of *St. Thomas's Hospital*, and came here with such Qualifications as the Talents God had given me, and my own Industry furnished me with; not unprepared however, as he would represent, for the Exercise of a Profession, in which *his* Attempts indeed, and Success are Phænomena equally surprizing.

I have now, I hope, invalidated his three Objections; as to one, I have proved that he was younger when he came hither than I was at my first arrival; the Proof as to natural Abilities must stand upon it's own Bottom; and thirdly, as to acquired Abilities, I was, when we sat down here, in two Respects at least, his Superior; I mean the Instruction (which he can make no Pretension to) obtainable from Observations transmitted to me by a Father of approved Abilities,

lities, extensive Practice, and long Experience; and the Advantage of a longer Attendance on an Hospital; for he will not be so hardy as to assert that he attended any Thing like a Year there; and as I find he accumulated the Degrees of *A. M.* and *M. B.* or at least proceeded to them, both in the same Year, I am apt to think his Resolution of practising Physic was taken up pretty suddenly.

*Others proceed to Arts by slow Degrees,
Whilst he, like PALLAS from the Head of JOVE,
Steps forth full grown! —*

I will severally take my Leave of those I am concerned with on this Oecasion, and so conclude; and first of Dr. ----- I put him at the *Head* (tho' I am apt to think his *Humility* and *Inclinations* would lead him to another *Place*) because I hear Dr. F. allows him to be a better P-----n than himself: I do not Imagine he meant me a Compliment by writing to Dr. A D---G T-N and not to me, but I assure him I take it as such; I esteem his Praise Censure, and therefore by no Means envy Dr. B. his Acquaintance, for as I am, and much more was I a Batchelor, I should not think his Recommendation likely to be of Service to me, *with the Ladies more especially*; for which Reason, I will not endeavour to avail myself of a Letter I received from him some Years ago, when he appear'd in a very different Light from what he does at present to all *Honest Men*. --- *Non tali Auxilio, &c.* --- I have not been admitted to the Honour of seeing either his, or Dr. F-----'s commendatory Letters, therefore can say nothing with Certainty of them, but I am credibly informed that one of them sets out with an "If
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“there be any Foundation for the Report which
 “prevails that you are on the Point of leaving
 “*Reading, &c.*” Whoever recollects what a
 Friend Dr. AD---GT-N was to him in his great-
 est Need, will think it more than probable that
 Dr ----- is not so entirely unacquainted with Dr.
 AD---T-N’s Motions as he affects to be thought.

As to Dr. F. I believe none (when they consider
 how dutiful a Disciple of his Dr. AD---GT-N is,
 and how much Merit he has lately gained with
 him by his Harrangues, &c. in Defence of his
 Favourite) will question my Assertion, else I
 would depose on Oath, that Dr. AD---GT-N told
 me that Dr. F. was one of the chief Advisers of
 his Removal. The natural Observations on this
 are, that either Dr. A. has taken a very unwarant-
 able Liberty with Dr. F----’s Name, or that Dr.
 F. is acting a Part much beneath his Character.---
 Had Dr. F. sent in any Manner a *Westminster* Man
 hither I should not have wonder’d at it, because
 it is well known what Lengths he has suffered
 himself to be carried by (what is a very laudable
 Motive when under a due Regulation) an Attach-
 ment to the Place of his Education. From this
 Principle I should therefore have expected that
 he would have dissuaded one School-Fellow from
 obstructing another, rather than have been acces-
 sory to his coming in this unfair Manner: I say
 accessory, &c. because I think I had a Right to
 expect (had he not intended Dr. B. an Advantage
 by keeping me in the Dark) from one who had
 express’d a Friendship for me, which I know not
 that I have *deservedly* forfeited, that he would have
 paid me the same Compliment on Dr. B----’s as
 he did to Dr. A. on my coming; and I leave the
 World to judge whether in neglecting to do so

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he has behaved as one Gentleman should to another. When I was by Dr. F. recommended as Coadjutor to Dr. A. he did not think it beneath him to write to Dr. A. on the Occasion; now Dr. B. is recommended as a proper Person to Coadjutor me, this Bashaw does not vouchsafe me a Line; neither, as I observ'd above, am I thought worthy in six Weeks Time to be admitted to a Sight of the Letter, which is elsewhere produc'd on all Occasions.

Some of my Friends have been for my applying to the Dr. for a Character, whereby to obviate that he has given to Dr. B. Others are of Opinion (with whom I agree) that it would be mean in me so to do, I never truckled to him yet (perhaps that may be my Fault) and I will not begin to do so now. I know there are those who can express themselves with great Bitterness of, and take very undue Methods to prejudice, those they do not like; but to these I say that if they intend to take such Liberties with me I would advise them to be very secret, for should I have Proofs I will punish them by Way of Example, as the Law directs. But to return to Dr. F. when I first came hither, such was the Deference I paid to him, that I would not even presume to apply to him for his Favour but by a third Person, and I have a Letter from him by me wherein he says he had been beforehand with my Friend's Request, and had voluntarily recommended me. Such was his Opinion of me then, and I think I can very well account for the Alteration in the following Manner.

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When a certain P-----n was some Time since detected in * *Practices* for which, to judge him by his own Account, he richly deserved to be driven from every *human Society*, (that more especially, set apart for the *Education of Y---b*) every one may recollect *what Methods* were taken to skreen him from Justice, and by *whom*. My Sentiments on this Affair were in a very particular Manner sought after by Dr. A. whom I take to have been commissioned by his Patron for that Purpose; I on this, as on all other Subjects, open'd myself to him without Reserve; when I receiv'd at his Hands the Defence, which is allow'd to have been wrote by the Offender himself, I told him I should certainly read it, as he desired, with Impartiality at least, for that if I found Occasion to give up — I must at the same Time give up a Friend. After I had dispassionately read what he was pleased to call the *completest Piece of Oratory* he had ever met with, I told him I before suspected, but I now detested the accused, for that his Defence had proved him not only base, but foolish. The Adversary of Vice (for I should wrong him by calling him -----'s Adversary) had, by supposing every Thing to have been committed at one Interview, undesignedly given him so great an Advantage, that I should have been inclined to think, had I not seen the Answer, that it was wrote by a Friend under the Disguise of an Enemy, and the whole of the Defence was calculated to exclaim against this: I continued, for the Sake of Decency we would suppose what had pass'd to have been offered to his Wife or Daughter, which would in his Opinion be most

* See *A serious Enquiry into some late Proceedings, &c.*

excusable, a Man who being heated with Liquor should proceed to several Acts of Indecency at one Time, or he who should arrive at the same Height of Immodesty at different Times and Step by Step: He answered, the former undoubtedly: He *would* not, however, see it in this Light, and I could see it in no other. This Subject therefore, which it was in vain to continue, was dismiss'd, but not before I had observed that if any Thing could hurt a Man of Dr F----'s Character, it would be his being led by personal Dislike and party Zeal, to be so strenuous an Advocate for so bad a Man; one who by his own Confession, deserved to be expell'd the U----y in general, as he had been his own particular S-----y; that when he was gone, whatever some People might affect to think to the Contrary, there would not be wanting in that Seat of L-----g, several as well qualified to support the Dignity of the Physician by demonstrating their Skill in Physic: I proceeded, as a Friend, to remind him, that though he might to a greater Degree be obliged to Dr. F. yet he could not but own he had great Obligations elsewhere; if I might therefore presume to advise, he should, whenever a Consultation from O----d was necessary, as in Gratitude bound, send for Dr. F. in the first Place, but not leave to him to send whom he pleased in his Stead, for he well knew who his Substitute in that Case would be; and I took the Liberty to add, that People did not scruple to conclude, from their having met in Consultation several Times of late, that he did not care openly to espouse Dr. — and therefore it had been concerted between Dr. F. and himself, that Dr. F. should take care to be engaged whenever sent to, that Dr. — might
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supply his Place. If Dr. A. acquainted Dr. F. with all this, and I am so thoroughly persuaded he did, that though he should take his *disculpatory Oath* to the Contrary, I should be loth to believe he did not, Dr. F----'s subsequent Behaviour to me is accounted for. •

Before we part I would remind Dr. F. that had he been opposed in the same unfair Manner some others I could mention have been, his Name probably might not have been so respectable as it is at present; and, might I hope what came from me would have any Weight, I would desire him to consider that the Hour cannot be far hence in which *undue Attachments* and *party Prejudices* must appear in their proper contemptible Light, and then perhaps some particular Acts of Oppression may sit heavy on the Soul of one who has so long lorded it over those who would submit to be his Sycophants at O—d, that he begins to claim a Right of Sovereignty elsewhere.

I pass on to Dr. B. who confirms what I mentioned before, that his Plan was of another Nature, allows that what he gives up on coming hither amounts at least to the Sum I named, owns that the Scheme was not his own, but entirely his Friends, who (Mr. BIGG more particularly) gave him to understand that they had fully considered it, and were resolved for the future not to concern themselves with him unless he complied, which he did not till his Reluctance had even angered them. Does not this prove to a Demonstration that very particular Encouragement had been given? from whom should it come? I say from Dr. AD---GT-N, and that the People at O----d are not mistaken when they universally say Dr. AD---GT-N is to introduce him to all his Acquain-

Acquaintance, &c. His Friends then, are to be answerable for his coming to obstruct an old School-fellow; he says, likewise, they are answerable, for that they advised him to come in the clandestine Manner he did: I must observe here that a Man of Sense and Honour will not suffer himself so far to be influenced by his Friends as to be guilty of an ungentleman-like Action. But frivolous as his Excuse is, I accept it, and shall think no more of it unless I find him, either with or without the Advice of his Friends, peccant a second Time.

To Mr. B—G I have very little to say; he, who had been so thoroughly drubb'd * by wantonly interfering in a Dispute which in no Sort concerned him, had some kind of Right to expect a Return from Dr. AD---GT-N: His Head was broken in the Dr's. Cause, and he could do no less than give him a Plaister: But unless I have it from those whose Veracity I much more depend on than Dr. A's. I shall not easily be brought to believe that one who has behaved in so generous a Manner, as I hear Mr. B. has, towards his Nephews, could be capable of desiring another to serve him at the Expence of his *Word* and *Honour*, for they were strictly engaged to me.

As to Dr. AD---GT-N, if on Mr. B--G's Application he did, as he has the Assurance to say he did, inform him of his strict Engagements to me, and his firm Resolution to keep to them, no one surely can imagine Mr. B--G († *si non eget Anticyra, nec Archigene*, || as Dr. RUSSEL would persuade us he does) could have insisted with such

* See Dr. *Russel's* Letter to Mr. *Bigg*.

† Unless he is out of his Senses.

|| See Dr. *Russel's* Letter.

Earnestness on his Nephew's quitting what he does to come hither; or admitting that he did inform him how little Assistance he was to expect from him, should he not, when he found it in vain to discourage him, nay would he not, had he meant to serve me, acquainted me with what was hatching against me? and is he not without Excuse for having neglected so to do? But what shall we say if he never acquainted Mr. B--G with his Engagements to me? and that he did not, I most sincerely believe, for I have too good an Opinion of Mr. B--G to think in that Case he would have tamper'd with him to do what was an Injustice to me, or if he had been mean enough to do so, would not an honest Man have spit in his Face? but that is begging the Question. One Word more with Dr. AD---G T-N, and I have done with him forever. The only Thing he offers in excuse for his Behaviour (besides *impudently* denying giving any Encouragement to him) is, that I had given him sufficient Provocation to encourage him, for that I once cut him to the Heart by saying his Acquaintance had been of Diservice to me: I aver I never did, though in Justice I might, for it has of a considerable Time been apparent to every one but me, that it never was his Intent to take me, as the Hen, under his Wing to cherish and to raise me, but rather like an over-bearing Oak by over shadowing me to obstruct my Growth at least, if not to destroy me. Should he be found to resemble the Oak in another Instance, and not thrive on transplanting, I must own I should receive a malicious Pleasure. But to the Point, I was not apprehensive I had offended by my so inviolably keeping the Secret, but surely no unprejudiced Person can imagine I could
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act in a Manner so repugnant to my Interest; nay I can call the third Person entrusted with the Secret of his Removal, to witness that I was withheld by that, and that only, from calling him to an Account for his Behaviour in the Affair, for Leave to clear up which I offer the Reward. But for Argument's Sake, and to leave him entirely without Excuse, I will allow what is as false as God is true, that I told him to his Teeth that his Acquaintance had been of Disservice to me, would not this have provoked a Man of any Spirit to have broke with me immediately? should he not have told me to my Face, that such Behaviour cancell'd all Obligations? that I was not worthy of his Friendship, and that he ceased to be my Friend? or at least, when by his Encouragement (for I have not yet met with one who doubts his having encouraged him) Dr. B. resolv'd to come hither, should he not have told me so much? would not a generous Enemy have given me an Opportunity of starting fair? so far from it, this Master of Diffimulation kept on the Mask of Friendship till I tore it from him; this perfidious Wretch has within these few Months given it me under his Hand, that he is my most faithful (he should not have prostituted that Word) faithless * *bumble* Servant would have suited him better.

After the preceeding Sheets had pass'd the Press, I received a further Insight into the Letters, and found the Writers of them make it a Point of Conscience that Dr. AD---GTON, who has such Obligations to this Place, should not remove untill he could leave behind him some one as able

* The Propriety of this Epithet I shall not dispute with one whom I have prov'd capable of descending to such Meanness.

as (his *extraordinary Abilities* considered) may be to supply his Loss: What is this but saying, that when *he*, this *great Author* and *Physician*, for the Punishment of our Sins leaves us, there will be no Balm in *Gilead*, no Physician there, poor *Reading* will be destitute of all medicinal Help, unless he in Compassion to us introduces one, who will not, I am persuaded, arrogate to himself either natural or acquired Abilities superior to those of his Brethren here; and whose Opportunities of exerting those Abilities have not (to speak very modestly) been more frequent than our's. But we of this Place have no Reason to be surprized at the Insolence of this Insinuation when we consider that one of these Letter-writers had before degraded and disqualified the whole Fraternity at O-----d, for the Sake of the other, his Favourite, for the only Reason he could assign for keeping him in a Place of all others most improper for such a M-nst-r of Imp-r-ty was, that truly when he was gone none other could be found (*himself I presume excepted*) duly qualified to execute the Important Trust of a Physician.: It might be observed that Dr. B. was then over-look'd by him, though nearly of the same Age and Standing as the other, when he first took him under his Patronage. Thus much for the *Modesty* of one, for that of the other, I refer the Reader to *A serious Inquiry into some late Proceedings of the U-----ty of O-----d, &c.* and an Answer to it, by the Offender himself: These perused, I am satisfied he will be astonished that *any one* should seek, or *be* offer to give his Letter of Recommendation. Had he not offended we all had still been Friends, and I should have had no Occasion to appeal to the Public, but insiduously as

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I have been treated by him, and on his Account, I should have been shamefully inattentive to my own Interest had I not invalidated these Recommendations: *An si quis atro dente me petiverit inultus ut flebo Puer?* When I am thus undermin'd shall I, like a Child, put Finger in Eye, and neglect to do myself Justice? The U-----y therefore must blame *him*, not *me*, for mentioning what, as it's sincere Friend, I remember with the utmost Regret: I will not affront it therefore by making any Apology for so doing, but will conclude the disagreeable Subject with observing, in Justice to a Community which all good Men must reverence, that a very inconsiderable Number of it's Members are answerable for his not meeting with his *Deserts*.

From the Writers I proceed to the Receiver of these Letters which he produces on all Occasions as Proofs that he did not first invite Dr. B. How contemptibly evasive is this Reasoning! Is it not an Insult on Common Sense to endeavour to persuade People that he had not been *at all accessory* to his coming because truly he had not originally invited him, (though for the Truth of this Assertion we have only his bare Word, which I must own, weighs very little with me) but had only listened to others who had wrote in his Favour, and in Consequence of their Recommendation, espoused him in Secret till he was detected and called to account for so doing, by the Person whom he had abused under the Pretence of Friendship.—I have before proved that he either has a good Opinion of me as a Physician, or that he is both Knave and Fool; had I been in his Place therefore, I would have answer'd these Letters in some such Manner as this, viz. “ I paid all due
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“ Deference to their Advice and Recommenda-
 “ tion, and was determined to take the first, but
 “ had it not in my Power to accept of the latter,
 “ for that I had great Obligations, and was under
 “ strict Engagements on my Departure, to serve
 “ Dr. PIGOTT, and no other; whom they would
 “ be convinced I had a thorough good Opinion
 “ of, when they understood he had been entrusted-
 “ ed, to my entire Satisfaction, with my Son’s
 “ and my own Life: I was persuaded therefore,
 “ they would drop their Sollicitations, because
 “ they must see I could not, consistently with
 “ Honour, give any Encouragement to Dr.
 “ B. That when I was gone, there would still
 “ remain three Physicians, a Number quite suf-
 “ ficient for this Place: If I might therefore, in
 “ Return, speak my Opinion, I should be rather
 “ inclined to dissuade him from doing what I
 “ could not but esteem somewhat *unnatural*; for
 “ as Dr. PIGOTT’s and his Acquaintance in this
 “ COUNTRY were known to be pretty much the
 “ same, I could not see how one could think of
 “ succeeding without injuring his School-Fellow;
 “ I should for that Reason take the Liberty im-
 “ mediately to communicate these Letters to my
 “ Friend to prevent foul Play.” --- Had such an
 Answer as this been return’d, Dr. B. and his
 Friends would have thought of *Reading* no more,
 and he would have acted an honest Part; a Cha-
 racter in which few here expect to see him; a
 Character which had he not in many Instances
 shamefully deserted, he would have had less Oc-
 casion to remove to *London*; for many are of Op-
 nion that he is not determin’d thither, as he would
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found out here, and therefore prudently withdraws, observing his Credit to be on it's Decline, and foreseeing the Approach of that Day, in which his Complaint would be rather of *too little*, than *too much* Practice.

When I said I had done with Dr. AD---GT-N for ever, I did not mean I would not reply to any Answer he should vouchsafe me, but I do not imagine Occasion to do this will be given me by one much more fam'd for *injuring* than *answering*. I remember when Dr. RUSSEL's second Pamphlet came out, to have heard the Dr. say, he would convince the World his Time was better employ'd than in taking Notice of scurrilous Pamphlets; and accordingly he some Time afterwards produced a certain *Scurvy* Performance: A Performance which at least shews his great *Reading*; every Thing there is faithfully *transcrib'd*, and I defy the most curious Critic to say the Dr. has adulterated the Text by foisting in one Thought of his own, unless according to MARTIAL, *Male dum recitat*, &c. I know the Dr. has another Composition by him, *equally deserving the Light*, and if haply I should occasion it's Appearance, the Reader will be abundantly repaid for the Time he has mispent in the perusal of this.

And here I rest my Cause, and if what has been said should incline any to favour me, I hope they will not be diverted from their Intention because they are not personally waited upon. I know myself, at best, to be but ill qualified for what the World calls *pushing a Face*, and I am at present particularly discouraged from so doing, as I am sensible the Use made by my Opponents of the Time required to prepare this, has been diligently to seek out, and strongly to apply to every one

one whom they thought likely to serve me. Where I am not particularly encouraged, I shall therefore wholly decline making Applications; and I trust this my Resolution will not be imputed to want of proper Respect, but to it's true Motive, an Apprehension of meeting in some Places a cool, where I might otherwise have expected a friendly Reception.

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P O S T S C R I P T.

I Hear Dr. and Mrs. AD---GT-N were apprehensive I should have introduced somewhat of I know not what Story of *Bacon* and *Eggs*; Dupe though I have been to them, I am not yet Fool enough to descend to such Trifles; but was I so minded, the Reader may have observed I have much better Provisions to set before my Guests, which with a sufficient Quantity of *Puffs* from *Oxford*, *Bath*, and elsewhere, and Abundance of *Whip Sullabub* and *Flummery*, might furnish out a decent second Course, to which, dress'd according to *Female Art*, they have my free Leave to invite the Reader.

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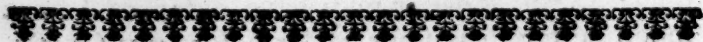
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